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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Board of Respiratory Care – General Rules

The Department of Community Health will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. at the Department of Community Health, Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa, Conference Room One, Upper Level, Lansing, Michigan.

The public hearing is being held to receive comments from interested persons on establishing in administrative rules requirements for licensure as a respiratory therapist pursuant to Public Act 3 of 2004. Public Act 3 amended the Public Health Code to prohibit an individual from engaging in the practice of respiratory care or providing respiratory care services unless he or she is licensed under the Code. The proposed administrative rules will implement the licensing requirements of Public Act 3, including requiring an applicant to have graduated from a respiratory therapist educational program that is acceptable to the Board of Respiratory Care, have earned at least a two-year associate's degree, and possess an entry-level credential for a respiratory therapist. The proposed rules also will establish requirements for relicensure and for temporary licensure as a respiratory therapist.

These rules are being promulgated under the authority of section 18709 of 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.18709, and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1996-1, 1996-2 and 2003-1, MCL 330.3101, 445.2001 and 445.2011.

Hearing comments may be presented in person, with written comments available at the time of presentation. Written comments also will be accepted after the public hearing at the following address or E-mail address until Friday, October 7, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. Address communications to:

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A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by contacting the Bureau at the address noted above. Electronic copies also may be obtained at <http://www.michigan.gov/orr>.

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Date: September 1, 2005

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